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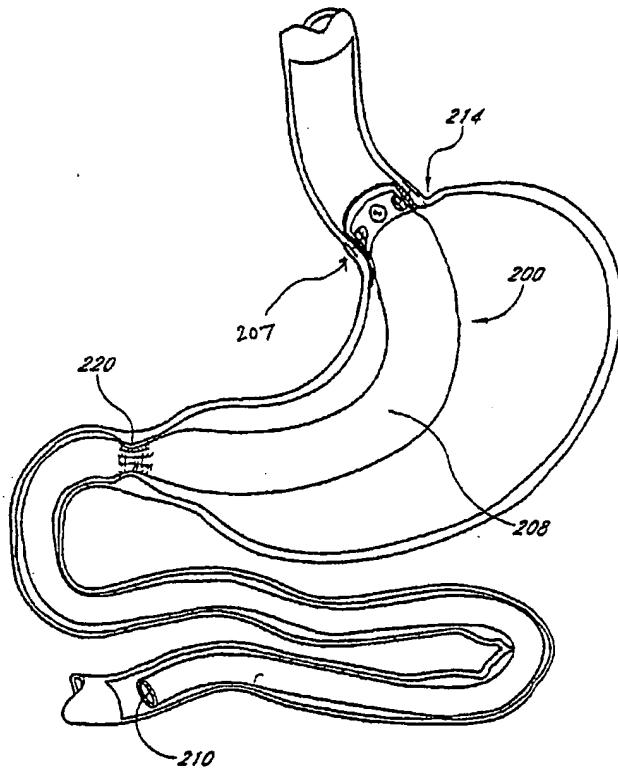
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides devices and methods for attachment of an endoluminal gastrointestinal device, such as an artificial stoma device, a gastrointestinal bypass sleeve device (200) or an attachment cuff (214), within a patient's digestive tract for treatment of obesity.



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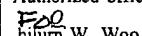
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